MISS ROGAN GRATEFUL IN VICTORY

City Charter Limps LikeAutomobile Much Repaired— Power Is Scattered and Procedure Is Undemocratic -How School Question Might Be Treated Under a Modern Charter.

Bridgeport exists as a body politic and corporate because it has powers grated by the people of Connecticut, through the General Assembly. These powers are described and contained in the charter of the city. The chorter, as to its main features, was made a long time ago. To keep it workable, many changes have been made. The charter is a patch work. It does not permit a good administration of the city, It is like an old automobile, which had been fifty times repaired and limps along as if its next limp would be its last.

The largest defect of the charter is its failure to centralize responsibility. Its second great defect is lack of means by which the people can call their agents to account. A case in point may be taken from recent transactions on the Board of Education.

The Board, acting entirely upon ' own judgment, advised by experts, has made a longer working year for teachers. It is said that the people are o nosed to this measure, and the hey are opposed to the men who voted for the measure. Under the present charter the people dan't do anything about it. Under a modern charter they could do either, or both of these things.

They could sign a referendum petition and vote upon the meas-

They could sign a recall petition and vote to discharge the members who voted for the measure or vote to retain them.

One of the aldermen has said, speaking of the election of certain members of the Board of Education, chosen by the remaining members, to fill vacancles, that he will not vote for High school bonds, because those members were not chosen directly by the people.

When a vacancy occurs in the Board of Education it mhst be filled by the choice of the remaining members. Even though a general election is only a few days away, the vacancles cannot be filled by the people. Each party this year may select only two candidates. They cannot select three or four. The alderman is complaining, really, about the badness of the charter. The thing he resents has to be done in that way, because the charter commands It.

These are but two examples of defects in the charter, out of hundreds which might be listed. The charter scatters authority too much. It is not democratic, The people are permitted to perform certain acts of power at certain periods stated. Their power disappears until the next period rolls around. This helps to make government costly in Bridgeport, and taxes high.

Returning to the school question again, a member of the Board of Lducation ought to welcome a referendum on important actions, if the people are interested enough to wish to consider the matter directly. The members of such a board ought to be willing to appear in a recall election. The charter ought to provide centralization of authority, and popular means for checking abuse of authority.

. Since a charter, as we have seen, ought to promote democratic methods in government. the inception of . charter ought to be democratic and the instrument ought to be credited in a democratic way. The friends of a modern and progressive charter are proceeding in this way. First a petition signed by 4,500 voters. Second, the question "do you want a new charter," voted upon by everybody. Third, the vote being favorable, a committee to draft the charter. Fourth submission of the charter to the people, for their decision.

Mostly charter changes have been choked down the throats of the people, by the will of a few individuals. The new charter ought to b prepared by skillful persons of disinterested motives, and decided about by all the people. This is what will happen when the people vote "yes" to the question which Mayor Atwater will caused to be placed upon the voting machines.

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PRICE TWO CENTS.

Southern New England; Fair to-

night and Friday; colder tonight;

fresh to strong northtwest winds.

JERSEY TRAGEDY RE-ENACTED; ARRESTS NEAR SCHOOL BOND AGREEMENT BROKEN

RE-ACT MURDER DRAMA

New Prosecution in New Jersey Church Crime Mystery Launch New Investigation in Effort to Get Guilty-Early Arrests Predicted.

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New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 26

Under weather conditions similar to those existing on the night of Sept. 15 and at approximately the same hour when Dr. Edward W. Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Milis were slain on the old Phillips farm, was re-enacted last night as a part of the tragedy scene to ascertain whether a person can actually identify another person as has been claimed in the development of

the famous murder case. Since her original version the woman eye-witness, Mrs. Jane Gib-ton, has added further details, styson, has added further details, saying that the moon and stars did not furnish the only light by which she saw a man and a woman on the scene. She said that there was a motor car parked in De Russey lane, near the scene of the murder, with the headlights turned on and that this glare was reinforced by light from two flashlights which the man and woman carried in their hands and which were turned on at frequent which were turned on at frequent intervals. It was by this artificial light that she saw the faces and the clothing worn by the man and woman.

woman.

On Sept. 14 the day had been crear.

No rain had fallen and the night was warm. There was little or no moon, but the stars were out. Other persons, in addition to the woman eyewitness, corroborate that such were the weather conditions.

According to the various investigations, the hour of the shooting was

tions, the hour of the shooting was between 9:30 and 10 o'clock. Last night between 9:20 and 10 o'clock with the exception of its being nearly six weeks later in the year, conditions were about the same az those described as existing on the neight of Sept. 14.

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WILLIAM F. ASKAM, LOCAL 32D DEGREE MASON PASSES AWAY

Milford, Conn., Oct. 26—William R. Askam, 59, a pioneer in the rubber manufacturing industry in this country, died suddenly at his bome here last night. He was a native of Philadelphai and had engaged in the rubber manufacturing industry in Philader manufacturing industry in Philadelphai

Local police have been unable to find any trace of Bernice Baptist, of 223 Mountain Grove street. Bridge-port High school girl who disappeared from home, in the company of Marjorie Williams, it is believed. The girls are said to have been seen boarding a train for New Haven and the New Haven police are conducting an extensive search for them. Both are colored.

concealing assets.

DRIVE ON TAX DODGERS WILL

ISN'T PRINCE A HANDSOME CHAP?



ALDERMEN DOHERTY AND SANFORD **BREAK "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT"** ON ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS

Aldermen Thomas P. Doherty, Democrat of the Eighth district and Wilbert Sanford, Republican of the Ninth district, have broken a gentleman's agreement between the Finance committee of the Common council, of which they are members, the Public school committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Education by balking on the issuance of \$1,300,000 worth of bonds asked of the Common council by the Education Board to be used

in the erection of the new proposed East Side High school, property for which has already been purchased.

That these aldermanic gentlemen that there was a school shortage and have broken the agreement is proved by the minutes of the meeting between the school committee of the finance committee on Wednesday, May 24, last, when a pact was reached that if the Board of Education would purchase property on the East Side ultimately to be used for the efficance committee would honor the requests of the education beard.

Now Alderman Doherty and Sanford have publicly stated that they would be issuance of the \$1,300,000 worth or school bonds. Alderman Alfred Knapp, Republican of the Sixth district, also a member of the finance committee is silent on the matter and be seened district, was foreigned to the matter and be seened district, was foreigned to the matter and be seened district, was foreigned to the matter and be seened district, was foreigned to the matter and be seened district, was foreigned to the matter and be seened district, was foreigned to the matter and be seened district, was foreigned to the matter and be seened district, was foreigned to the matter and be seened to be used for the committee is silent on the matter and the finance committee authorizing the issuance of the \$1,300,000 worth or school bonds. Alderman Alfred Knapp, Republican of the Sixth discretic with the committee is silent on the matter and be seened to the matter and be seened to the matter and be seened to the matter and the finance committee authorizing the issuance of the \$1,300,000 worth or school bonds. Alderman Alfred Knapp, Republican of the Sixth discretic with the seened of the seened that they may a school school bonds. Alderman Alfred Knapp, Republican of the matter and the finance committee of the finance committee of the finance committee of the finance committee authorizing the issuance of the \$1,300,000 worth or school bonds. Alderman Alfred Knapp, Republican of the Sixth discretic with the seened of the seened that t

will refuse to approve the report of the finance committee authorizing the issuance of the \$1,300,000 worth of school bonds. Alderman Alfred Knapp, Republican of the Sixth dis-trict, also a member of the finance committee is silent on the matter and he has not signified his intention of signing the report. signing the report, Veness Is Firm,

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It was a native of Philadelphai and had engaged in the rubber manufacturing industry in Philadelphai, Buffalo, N. Y., Shelton, Conn., and Milford, coming here about 25 years ago and organizing the Askan and the Fifth district and chairman of the finance committee, has signified his willingers to signified the papers, to consider the report in favor of the bond issue the report in favor of the bond issue the report in favor of the bond will be two committees.

In a statement today Alderman Ventor of the Board of Signing the report. He said: I am the favor of more schools, and believe the projects of the Board of Education step the projects of the

BE LAUNCHED ON TAX DRIVERS

Washington, Oct. 26.—Government revenue

agents and auditors now catching up with their

after-the-war work, have made the startling dis-

covery that more than one million persons liable

for taxes on incomes above \$5,000 have dodged

payment either through not making returns or

This was learned at the Treasury
Department today, simultaneously
with the inuguration of a drive on the
part of the internal revenue bureau to
catch the evaders.

Revenue experts estimate that the
treasury can be enriched to the extent of \$500,000,000 in collections
from individuals who have failed to
make any returns for four years.

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Alderman John W. Hibbert, Republican of the Second district, was forcible in expressing his opinion that the entire Board of Aldermen was not in favor of sharing the attitude of Aldermen Doherty and Sanford. He said:

"I am in favor of more schools,"

The Tory government would support the League of Nations and promises that the foreign office shall control foreign relations instead of the cabinet.

Other promises in the manifesto follow:

Detilization of the Angle-Irish

Rev. Thomas J. Mooney, curate at Sacred Heart church, has resigned from the Board of Recreation it was announced today. Father Mooney gave as his reason, increased ecclesiastical duties. Mayor Fred Atwater has received Father Mooney's resignation from the Board of Recreation and is now considering it. No successor has been chosen.

Hold Pajama Dance Co-eds Now Can't See Football Game

Huntington, W. Va., Oct. 26—
Fifty young women students at Marshall College, here, staged a pajama parade in their dormitory last night.

College officials have decided that as punishment the girls would be prohibited from attending the Marshall-West Virigina Wesleyan football game Saturday.

The gridiron men heard the news and held an indigmenting. They decided to to the authorities to "desentence."

"No girls, no game" v. the slogan of some of the players.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GOOD WILL FUND

The Times \$250.00 The Herald 100.00 Peter Davey 50.00

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The City is asked to send in contributions to the Good Will Fund to raise \$1,730, the amount needed to reach \$5,000 to match the same amount given by the American Committee for Devastated France to enable Bridgeport to be represented in the Good Will delegation. Send checks to the Bridgeport Times or to First National Bank or the American Committee Good Will Fund. Checks made out to American Committee for Devastated France. Let us send our representative over in the right way.

BRITISH POLICY FRAMED

Bonar Law Calls for Anglo-American Understanding for Preservation of World Peace-Good Friendship with U.S. Aim.

London, Oct. 26—(I. N. S.)—
In a political manifesto issued to the British people today, Premier Bonar Law declared that "iza maintenane of our good friendship and good understanding with the United States would be based not upon a formal alliance but upon a community of inherited ideals."
It is assumed that the Tory party'

occasion arises.

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1. Ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty.
2. Summoning of an economic conference including all the Britisch do-minions to extend the trade of the empire, and the British dominions to extend the trade of the empire, and 3. Peaceful, quiet and orderly de-velopment of India under the 1909

SINGER EMPLOYE DROPS DEAD ON WAY TO WORK monwealth announced that it would rest its case today in the trial of Mrs. Catherine Rosler unless an unantici-

Richard Pierce, 58 years old, of 1961 Barnum avenue, dropped dead this morning about 7 o'clock, in a ci-gar store at the corner of Barnum avenue and Central avenue, where he had stopped on his way to work in the Singer Manufacturing company, to purchase some tobacca. Accordare colored.

ARREST GREEK PRINCE.

London, Oct. 26—Crown Prince
Andrew of Greece, has been arrested by the Revolutionary Government, said a Central News dispatch from Athens this afternoon.

NORWALK PASTOR RESIGNS.
Norwalk Conn., Oct. 26—Rev. R.
Irving Watkins, D. D., pastor of the East Norwalk Methodist Episcopal church has resigned his pastorate here, owing to ill health and will return to Meriden, whence he came to this city about two years ago, and reside with his daughter.

Father Mooney Resigns from Recreation Board

Form Recreation Board

Rev. Thomas J. Mooney, curate at Sacred Heart church, has resigned and took the man to the Mullins Scott & Redgate city morgue. The police were notified and shortly about two years ago, and reside with his daughter. after he was identified by Herbert Booth, secretary of the Samuel Harris Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member.

He is survived by a wife and one child, who were notified by the lodge of his sudden demise. The dead man had been employed for the past 30 years by the Singer Manufacturing company and was one of the oldest and most trusted employes. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

GOOD WILL WINNER IS **OVERJOYED**

Well Fitted to Make Trip to War Devastated France-Family Sent Five Boys to Colors, All Returning Except Eddie Rogan Who Was Killed on Field of Battle.

Isabel Rogan the lucky girl in the Good Will Election under the American Committee for Devastated France and Times was born in Bridgeport and educated in its schools. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rogan of 1966 Seaview avenue. Since entering business she has been employed only in her home town, all this makes her esssentially a home product.

Miss Rogan has been employed by the Bridgeport Mattress Co., for nine years and in the election just passed two of her most ardent supporters were Mr. and Mrs. Kruppka, the latter the head of the Mattress Company.

Good Will Winner

ISABEL ROGAN

ROSIER TRIAL NEAR END.

Philadelphia, Oct. 26.-The com-

Personally Miss Rogan is a bright little girl, and in business, her employers pronounce her, efficient and dependable in every way, she has been with the firm nine years and holds the office of secretary.

From a patriotic viewpont Isabel has every right to be chosen as the Good Will messenger from Bridgeport, Her family sent five boys to the war, and four came back. Little "Eddie," her idol—her twin brother—her other self, dld not return. Her other self, dld not return. He was the West" while carrying an important message in the discharge of his duty. Eddie was in the 316th, in that famous Seventy-ninth Division His identification card was all that was found of the brave little "runner." What was left is buried in France

France
In an interview with Isabel last night the writer asked her how she felt about the result of the election. For a few moments she could not say anything, she was so filled up with emotion to think that she had really a chance of going "over there" to see a chance of going "over there" to (Continued on Page Twelve.)

FORMER SLAVE WILLS ONLY \$5

U. S. INVITED TO

NEAR EAST PARLEY

Paris, Oct. 26—(By the A. P.)—
France, Italy and Great Britain have agreed to invite the United States to participate officially in the Near East peace conference at Lausanne, Switzerland, Nov. 13.

This decision was reached after a memoral of right in the remainder of the switzerland, Nov. 13. erland, Nov. 13.

This decision was reached after a week's discussion of the form of the invitation to be issued to the conference. The suggestion to ask the United States to participate officially came from Marquis Curzon, the British secretary for foreign affairs. The invitation will be handed to the State Department in Washington, probably tomorrow, by the French, British and Italian embasses.

Mrs. Hester Hearn he gives \$25 and an emerald ring; the remainder of the an emeral ring; the

So drunk he could not tell his name, a man is now being held at police headquarters to await identification, or until he sobers up and is able to give the police some information about himself. He was picked up at Middle street and Fairfield ave-nue about 10 o'clock this morning and from cards found in his posses-Catherine Rosier unless an unanticipated development came up. She is charged with the murder of her husband. Oscar Rosier, and his stenographer, Miss Mildred G. Reckitt, and is being tried first for the slaying of letter.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE WILL BE CREATED TONIGHT TO ADVISE ELECTORATE ON CHANGES

At a meeting tonight in the sun parlor of the Stratfield hotel,

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TWO STAGE STRUCK

GIRLS IN CUSTODY

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Day of the creation of a gent correct to fits opportunity to answer the question—"Shall the mayor appoint a commission to prepare a charter for the city of Bridgeport?"—will be considered. The committee will conduct an educational campagin. In view of the fact that the question will be apart from the city of answer and in a place less likely to attract the attention of a voter intent upon voting for the creation all campagin.

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club; E. S. Wolfe, Chamber of Com-